

Urban District Council of Pickering.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending
December 31st, 1947.

To the Chairman and Members of the Pickering Urban District Council

LADIES & GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report on the health and sanitary conditions of your Area.

SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

The Area of your District is 15,652 acres.

The estimated resident Population is 3,898.

The number of inhabited houses is 1,227 and 25 Nissen Huts.

The Rateable Value is £17,651, which produces a Penny Rate, £71 : 16 : 0 nett.

Social Conditions.

The inhabitants of the District are mainly occupied in agricultural pursuits.

Vital Statistics.

		Total	M	F	Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of population
		73	40	33	19.0
Live Births	{ Legitimate	68	37	31	26.6 per 1,000 total Births Live and Still
	{ Illegitimate	5	3	2	
Still Births	{ Legitimate	2	1	1	15.65 per 1,000 of population.
	{ Illegitimate	0	0	0	
Deaths		61	29	32	

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	Total 2	Rate 27.4
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	2	29.4
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	0	0

No deaths occurred from Puerperal Sepsis.

No deaths occurred from other Puerperal Disease.

Causes of Death :—

Heart Disease	24	Cancer	9
Other Circulatory Diseases	1	Nephritis	1
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	7	Influenza	1
Bronchitis	2	Digestive Disease	1
Pneumonia	2	Syphilitic Disease	1
Tuberculosis	2	Congenital Malformation	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	Suicide	1
		All Other Causes	7

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Public Health Officers of the Authority are :—

The M.O.H., Sanitary Inspector, District Nurses and the School Medical Officer.

Nursing in the Homes.

The District Nurses attend cases in the homes where necessary, except in infectious cases.

Laboratory Facilities.

The North Riding Laboratory, Scarborough, undertakes all necessary work.

Hospitals.

There is no change in former arrangements.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Motor Ambulance continues to be of the greatest service to the community.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

No alteration has been made in former arrangements.

Water.

The Town supply has been satisfactory in both quantity and quality, although occasional complaints of the taste of chlorine are still reported from various parts of the Town. This will probably persist until there is some alteration in either the means of supply or the method of chlorination. Frequent bacteriological examinations of the water supply have been made and proved satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage.

No major extensions to the sewers have been carried out during the year and the sewers and sewage works have been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following tabular statement is furnished by the Sanitary Inspector.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I herewith submit the report on the Sanitary Inspection of the area.

Number of visits under Public Health Acts	...	...	117
„ „ „ Housing Acts	...	...	132
„ „ to Dairies, Cowsheds, etc.	...	...	51
„ „ to works in progress	...	...	82
„ „ to Shops	...	...	38
Drains inspected and tested	...	...	62
„ „ „ found satisfactory	...	...	57
„ „ „ found defective	...	...	5
Conversions to W.C's.	...	...	14

Shops and Offices.

No action has been found necessary under the Shops Acts.

Camping Sites.

No licences have been granted for Camping Sites and informal action resulted in the closing of an unofficial Camp which was in the process of being established.

Smoke Abatement.

No nuisance exists from smoke in this area.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There is no Public Swimming Pool in the district and the small indoor Bath formerly used for the instruction of school children is no longer in use through the lack of suitable filtration and purification plant.

Meat and Other Foods.

All general slaughtering is carried out at a Central Abbatoir outside the district. Any articles of food condemned of worth while quantity are notified to the Ministry of Food Salvage department.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No infestation of bed bugs have been discovered but there have been a few flea infestations which were dealt with by spraying and D.D.T. powder.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. STOREY, M.R.S.I., M.I.H.,

Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION F. Prevalence & control over infectious & other Diseases.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1947.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Measles ...	12	none	none
Scarlet Fever ...	8	none	none
Diphtheria ...	none	none	none
Enteric Fever, including Paratyphoid	none	none	none
Puerperal Fever ...	none	none	none
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	2	none	none
Pneumonia ...	11	none	none
Erysipelas ...	2	none	none
Whooping Cough ...	33	none	none
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	1	1	none

Prevention of Blindness.

No action was necessary under Section 66 of the Public Health Act.

Tuberculosis.

New cases and Mortality during 1947 :—

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 ...								
1 ...								
5 ...				1				
15 ..	1							
25 ...								
35 ...		1						
45 ...								
55 ...						1		
65 & upwards					1			
Totals...	1	1		1	1	1		

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

D. L. FLETCHER,

Medical Officer of Health,

Pickering Urban District.